from the Ministry of Urban Development and the Central Pollution Control Board, inorganic wastes are required to be disposed off as per the draft Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1999 recently announced by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per published literature,Tipping Charges are paid to the waste disposal companies for disposal of various types of wastes ranging from about US Dollars 15 per tonne to about US Dollars 150 per tonne, depending upon the exact nature of the waste tipped in.

**Incentives for Converting Waste into Energy**

2238. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government offer any incentives for setting up units for converting waste into energy; and

(b) if so, the details of incentives being offered for disposal of waste with low calorific value and which cannot be converted in to energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is providing various fiscal and financial incentives for setting up projects for Recovery of Energy from Urban, Municipal and Industrial Wastes.

(b) No incentives are being offered by this Ministry for disposal of wastes which are not suitable for energy recovery.

**Clearance to Hydro-Power Projects in Kerala**

2239. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state: (a) whether any Hydro-Electric project from Kerala is pending for clearance from Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any thermal-diesel projects are also pending with Government for clearance, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Adirapally HEP (160MW) was accorded techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on 22.4.1996 and is awaiting investment decision by Planning Commission. Puyankutty HEP (240MW) was cleared by CEA in January 1984 and sanctioned by Planning Commission in August 1996 subject to clearance from forest angle, which as per available information is still awaited. Detailed Project Reports of hydroelectric projects/multipurpose schemes